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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB, JA, TH

SUBJ: JAPANESE NEWSMAN, THAI, ENTER CAMBODIAN TERRITORY

1. APPARENTLY EXPECTING TO OBTAIN A STORY, A JAPANESE NEWSMAN, NAOKI MABUCHI OF EVAN PRESS INTERNATIONAL, CROSSED THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER INTO POIPET APRIL 19. HE WAS LAST REPORTED SEEN BEING BEATEN WITH RIFLE BUTTS AND TAKEN INTO A HUT THERE. AN ELDERLY THAI ALSO CROSSED AT THE SAME POINT LATER THE SAME DAY AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

2. MABUCHI WAS PREVIOUSLY IN CAMBODIA UNTIL EVACUATION OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN MAY, 1975, AND HE SPEAKS SOME CAMBOIDAN. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A JAPANESE EMOFF THAT MABUCHI THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO HAVE A CHAT WITH THE KC, SO NAIVELY DECIDED TO PAY A VISIT. THE JAPANESE EMBOFF SAID HIS EMBASSY HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT ACTION TO TAKE BUT WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT AN RTG OFFER TO MAKE AN INQUIRY OF THE CAMBODIANS THROUGH THE LIAISON OFFICE ESTABLISHED AT THAT BORDER POINT. WHITEHOUSE

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